


BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 91-357-C - ORDER NO. 2002-498

JULY 12, 2002

IN RE:	Application of Affinity Corporation for a)	ORDER CANCELLING
	Certificate of Public Convenience and)	CERTIFICATE
	Necessity to Provide Interexchange)	
	Telecommunications Services within the State)	
	of South Carolina.)	



This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Affinity Corporation ("Affinity") to cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Affinity's authority to provide resold telecommunications services was granted by Order No. 91-1107 issued December 9, 1991, in the Company's former name of Affinity Fund, Inc. Thereafter, Order No. 96-354 was issued on May 17, 1996, which granted a name change to the Company's present name of Affinity Corporation.

Affinity advises the Commission that the foreclosure sale and asset purchase between Affinity and Network US, Inc., ("Network") which was approved by Commission Order No. 2002-209, dated April 2, 2002, in Docket No. 2001-308-C, has been consummated. Thus, Affinity now requests cancellation of Affinity's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina.

By letter dated, June 14, 2002, Affinity notified the Commission that the transfer of control of Affinity to Network approved by Order No. 2002-209, dated April 2, 2002,

had been consummated. As provided in Order No. 2002-209, Affinity would continue to operate as a regulated entity pursuant to its present certifications, registrations, tariff requirements and rate structures, or on an unregulated basis, as provided by and pursuant to applicable law until such time as Network's application for certification had been approved by the Commission. Following the acquisition, Affinity would be merged into Network with Network as the surviving corporation. Network applied for certification to provide resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina July 1, 2001, and has been granted authority to operate as a reseller of telecommunications services by Commission Order No. 2002-218, dated March 26, 2002, in Docket No. 2001-302-C.

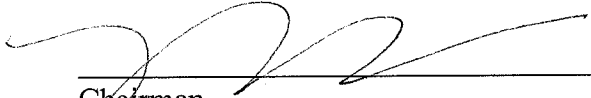
As Affinity is no longer providing the services for which its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was granted by virtue of the transfer of control approved by Commission Order No. 2002-209, dated April 2, 2002, the Commission finds and concludes that Affinity's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina should be cancelled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services authorized by Order No. 91-1107, dated December 9, 1991, and as amended by Order No. 96-354, dated May 17, 1996, issued in the instant docket to Affinity Corporation, Inc. is hereby cancelled.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director
(SEAL)